(b) if so, by when and the latest development in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Block Proving Axle Counters in Railways

1152. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khanna Accident Enquiry Committee in its Report in 1998, had recommended to instal Block Proving Axle Counters section-wise, to detect presence of a vehicle at a defined length on a railway track;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure to detect the inspection trolley at Nabagram, about 69 km from Kolkata, where the Sealdah bound Rajdhani Express collided with the said trolly, recently; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to ensure that the recommendations made by Commissions on Railway Safety are implemented, in letter and spirit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The system of Block Proving by Axle Counter is designed so as not to detect the presence of a push trolley. The push trolley is lighter in weight and is frequently kept on and off the track during inspections.

(c) The recommendations of Commissions on Railway Safety, as accepted by the Ministry of Railways, are implemented in a phased manner as per availability of funds.

Pantry services in TN and GT Expresses

1153. SHRI S.S. CHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the pantry services in the Tamil Nadu Express and Grant Trunk Express are poor and the quality of food served is not good;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against the persons responsible for such poor pantry services; and

(c) the action taken to improve pantry services in the above trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI